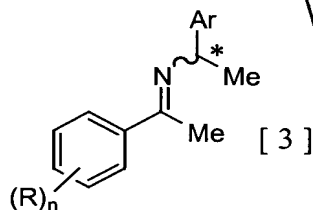
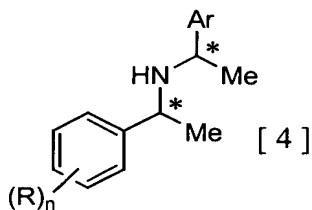


wherein, R represents a fluorine atom or trifluoromethyl group, n represents 1 to 5, and it takes an arbitrary substitution position, except for the ortho position when R is a fluorine atom and n is 1, and the asterisk represents a chiral carbon, by asymmetrically reducing an optically active imine represented by the general formula 3:



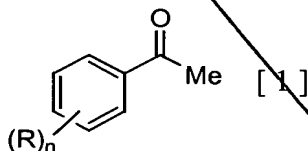
wherein, R represents a fluorine atom or trifluoromethyl group, n represents 1 to 5 and it takes an arbitrary substitution position, except for the ortho position when R is a fluorine atom and n is 1, Ar represents a phenyl group or 1- or 2-naphthyl group, and the asterisk represents a chiral carbon, using a hydride reducing agent, converting to an optically active secondary amine represented by the general formula 4:



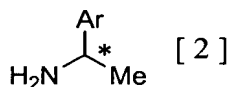
wherein, R represents a fluorine atom or trifluoromethyl group, n represents 1 to 5 and it takes an arbitrary substitution position, except for the ortho position

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when R is a fluorine atom and n is 1, Ar represents a phenyl group or 1- or 2-naphthyl group, and the asterisks represent chiral carbons, and subjecting the secondary amine, its salt of an inorganic acid or its salt of an organic acid to hydrogenolysis.

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5. (Amended) The production process according to claim 1, wherein the optically active imine represented by the general formula 3 is an optically active imine obtained by dehydration and condensation under acidic conditions of a fluoro- or trifluoromethyl-substituted phenylmethyl ketone represented by the general formula 1:



wherein, R represents a fluorine atom or trifluoromethyl group, n represents 1 to 5, and it takes an arbitrary substitution position, except for the ortho position when R is a fluorine atom and n is 1, and an optically active primary amine represented by the general formula 2:



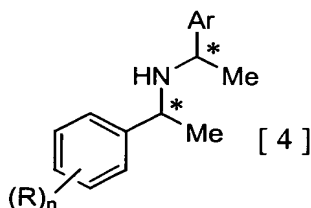
wherein, Ar represents a phenyl group or 1- or 2-naphthyl group, and the asterisk represents a chiral carbon.

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6. (Amended) The production process according to claim 1, wherein stereochemistry of the compound represented by the general formula 3, 4 or 5 is R form or S form.

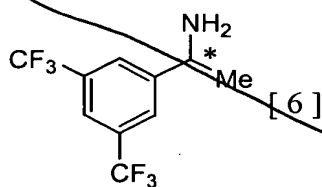
7. (Amended) The production process according to claim 5, wherein stereochemistry of the compound represented by the general formula 2 is R form or S form.

8. (Amended) A purification process, characterized in that an optically active secondary amine represented by the general formula 4:



wherein, R represents a fluorine atom or trifluoromethyl group, n represents 1 to 5 and it takes an arbitrary substitution position, except for the ortho position when R is a fluorine atom and n is 1, Ar represents a phenyl group or 1- or 2-naphthyl group, and the asterisks represent chiral carbons is converted to a salt of an inorganic acid or organic acid, followed by purification by recrystallization.

10. (Amended) A purification process, characterized in that an optically active 1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethylphenyl)ethylamine represented by the formula 6:



C3 wherein, the asterisk represents a chiral carbon, is converted to a salt of an inorganic acid or organic acid, followed by purification by recrystallization.

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12. (Amended) The purification process according to claim 8, wherein stereochemistry of the compound represented by the general formula 4 is R form or S form.

C4 13. (Amended) The purification process according to claim 10, wherein stereochemistry of the compound represented by the formula 6 is R form or S form.

Please add new claims 25-28.

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25. (New) The production process according to claim 4, wherein hydrogenolysis is carried out while heating at 55°C or higher.

C5 26. (New) The production process according to claim 1, wherein Ar of the general formulas 3 and 4 represents a phenyl group or 2-naphtyl group.